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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 11 18 AM
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Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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Subject: Consolidation

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Media has a responsibility, it has become the 4th branch of government with the ability to dispense mass opinion and points of political interest to the public. There are 5 major companies that own overwhelming amounts of media in this country. The least the FCC could offer is a similar amount of publicly funded channels (both federally and locally) and let people have something worth watching. I don't want to see non-stop Bush ads during the election (the last election was a sham, I can only hope this change will not further destroy the election process and democracy in general.)

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From: Scott Akemon
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12:21 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Scott Akemon (gratefull420@hotmail.com) writes:

I saw your testimony last night 6/4/03 on CSPAN regarding the recent FCC vote on consolidation. I wanted to say I was very impressed by your arguments and I am glad you voted against this. I know it must be hard to work with other people who do not share your views. Your comments were right on the mark and I am glad at least 1 person is taking the time to say this is wrong and the people loose out in the end. Have a great day and keep up the great work you do!

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From: Christine Lesh
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12:25 PM
Subject: Note of protest against recent regulatory rollbacks

Members of the FCC,

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Please reconsider your motivations.

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From: John Rook
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KA
KQAWEBBSITE
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12:50 PM
Subject: REMOVE - Michael Powell

"It's very difficult for us to aggregate the different points of view of 250 million people" - Michael Powell

This big shot Washington lawyer is responsible for driving me out of business, backing the financial bully's who don't play by the rules and then arrogantly he tries to convince hearing from the majority is so difficult he would just march to the orders of the Gingrich ilk, for what he thinks might be his own ticket to a future payoff.

He's a lightweight, who before long will cry he's been singled out because of the color of his skin. As a 35 year republican conservative, with black grandchildren I adore, I know a little something about those who would attempt to play the race card for sympathy.

250 million people he begs, are far too many to recognize. Hell, Michael Powell never once attempted to hear from anyone but himself and his white house keepers

At 66 years of age, supporting a totally disabled adopted son of 40, with no government assistance, no health insurance and congestive heart failure brought on by Micheal Powell's unfair, illegal backing of those he now seeks to continue rewarding. This bastard is responsible for ruining my life of the past 7 years

I promise you, for the remainder of my days, I'll be doing everything I can to make his damn life as miserable as he personally has made mine.

I'll be fueled by each pained look on his face, by all the discomfort he finds in his life . personally and professionally It's finally payback time for Michael Powell and those he gave unfair advantage too. exactly the opposite of what he is paid to do.

It's a damn good thing Fritz Hollings blocked Ronald Reagan from placing me on the FCC as a commissioner

I would have been fighting tooth and nail for the little guy and would have made today's media hogs understand just what an FCC commissioner is.

John H Rook
www.JohnRook.com

Yep, I'm mad as hell and I'm not gonna take it anymore .

From: CR Masterson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12:55 PM
Subject: FCC Decision on Media Ownership IS A BAD DECISION!

From Christine Masterson,
2566 Bryant Street,
San Francisco, CA 09110

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Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain
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241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

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